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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because the drawings do not show figures 2-5, 7-13 as disclosed in the specification.

Correction is required.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required:

Claims 1, 16 and 19 are not adequately supported by the specification. The applicant is required to provide a reasonable explanation of why they feel the specification supports the subject matter as disclosed in claims 1, 16 and 19.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-19 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the specification objection, set forth in this Office action.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-19 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of a reinforcement bracket comprising: a top interface providing a mating between said bracket and the interior top region of the electrical box; a side interface providing a mating between said bracket and the interior side region of the electrical box; a rigid member providing resistance to a

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compressive force applied between said top interface and said side interface (for claims 1-15), a kit comprising: a reinforcement bracket having a top interface providing a mating between said bracket and the interior top region of the electrical box, said bracket further having a side interface providing a mating between said bracket and the interior side region of the electrical box, said bracket additionally including a rigid member providing resistance to a compressive force applied between said top interface and said side interface

(For claims 16-18), and, a method of reinforcing a ceiling electrical box comprising the step of: inserting a reinforcement bracket into the interior of the electrical box, the bracket having a top interface providing a mating between said bracket and the interior top region of the electrical box, the bracket further having a side interface providing a mating between said bracket and the interior side region of the electrical box, the bracket also having a rigid member providing resistance to a compressive force applied between said top interface and said side interface, the bracket further having a mating feature for a fastener (for claim 19).

The previously listed limitation is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Other prior art cited

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Mollick et al, Gretz, Johnson, Johnson et al, Smolik, and Horsley disclose a box similar to applicant's claimed invention.

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Contact information

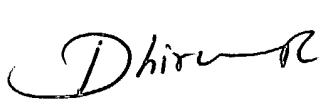
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhiru Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-1983. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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